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## HEALTH OF OLDBURY

For the Year, 1941.

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(c.d.e.) „ SAGE (c.d.e.)

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„ C. E. HADLEY (d.e.)

„ B. WHILE (d.e.)

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D. PARTRIDGE.

Miss K. BOWSER (appointed 13-1-41, resigned Feb., 1941).

### **Dental Attendant:**

MISS A. E. SMITH.

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### **NOTES.**

- (a) Holds the Sanitary Inspectors' Certificate granted by the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors' Association Joint Board.
- (b) Holds the Meat and Foods Inspectors' Certificate granted by the Royal Sanitary Institute.
- (c) Holds the new Health Visitors' Certificate approved by the Ministry of Health.
- (d) Holds the Midwives' Certificate granted by the Central Midwives Board.
- (e) Trained Nurse.
- (f) Midwife Teachers' Diploma (Lond.) granted by the College of Nursing.

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To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the  
Borough of Oldbury.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to apologise for the delay in presenting this Report and hope the members will appreciate the difficulties the Department has had to face, especially the loss of Mr. Astley who joined the R.A.F. in October, 1941.

The vital statistics continue to be satisfactory with the exception of the Infantile Death Rate and illegitimate births which are up again, in other respects the health of the population has been very satisfactory. The birth rate and the death rate are both down. The general nutrition of the population appears to be good.

The most serious difficulties that have arisen are in the ante natal services. The proportion of ante natal mothers attending the Clinics has increased. We had six midwives working at the beginning of the year, and three of these resigned—two of them had not been able to carry on their duties owing to ill-health for some time during the early part of the year. We were unable to fill the vacancies during 1941. As usual we had the services of two midwives from the District Nursing Association. In spite of these difficulties the maternity services have been satisfactorily maintained.

Again I would like to express my gratitude to the Chairman and Members of the various Committees for their patience during trying times, and my thanks are also due to the Staff.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

C. W. SHARPLEY,

Medical Officer of Health.

Health Department,  
Municipal Buildings,  
Oldbury.



### 1.—GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres) ... ..	3,300
Population (Registrar General's Estimate Mid-summer, 1941) ... ..	49,390
Population, (Census 1931) ... ..	35,918
Number of inhabited houses ... ..	13,875
Rateable Value (1st April, 1941)... ..	£214,006 0 0
Sum represented by a penny rate ... ..	£831 0 0
General Rate—1940-1941 ... ..	17 0
Amount of Poor Law Relief administered during the year 1941 ... ..	£6,324 18 5
Unemployment—January, 1942:—	
Men and Boys wholly unemployed ... ..	44
Women and Girls ... ..	43
Temporary stoppage:—	
Men and Boys ... ..	38
Women and Girls ... ..	4

### 2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

	M.	F.	Total.
Live Births { Legitimate ... ..	410	409	819
{ Illegitimate ... ..	10	8	18
	<u>420</u>	<u>417</u>	<u>837</u>
Birth-rate per 1,000 of the population ... ..			16·94
Stillbirths 29      Rate per 1,000 total births			33·48
Deaths ... .. 493      Death-rate ... ..			9·98
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth was 1		Rate per 1000 Births (Live and Still)	1·15
Death-rates of Infants under one year:—			
All Infants per 1,000 live births ... ..	(58)		70·47
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate live births	(56)		69·56
Illegitimate Infants per 1000 Illegitimate live births ... ..	(2)		111·1
Deaths from Cancer (all ages) ... ..			72
Deaths from Measles (all ages) ... ..			2
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ... ..			2
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ... ..			5

### 3.—BIRTH AND DEATH RATES PER 1,000 TOTAL POPULATION.

				Birth Rates		Death
				Live Birth.	Stillbirths.	Rate.
England and Wales	...	...		14.2	0.51	12.9
126 County Boroughs, and Great						
Towns, including London	...			14.7	0.58	14.9
148 Smaller Towns, population						
25,000—50,000	...	...		16.4	0.60	13.0
London Administrative County...				8.9	0.33	16.3
Oldbury	...	...	...	16.94	0.58	9.98

### POPULATION.

The number of persons resident in the Oldbury area at Midsummer, 1941, as estimated by the Registrar General was 49,390. The “natural increase,” or the excess of births over deaths, was 344.

### DEATHS.

During the year 1941, 278 deaths were registered in the Oldbury area. Of these 14 were deaths of persons who were not usually resident in the district, while 229 Oldbury residents died in various places outside the district. Therefore the aggregate number of deaths amongst the population belonging to the district was 493, representing a death rate of 9.98 per thousand of the estimated population. In 1940 there occurred 544 deaths and the rate was 11.17.

Of the 493 deaths, 58 were of infants under 1 year of age, the resultant infantile mortality rate being 70.47 per thousand live births.

The number for 1940 was 45 and the rate 49.34 per thousand births.

The diseases which were most frequently recorded as causes of death, the deaths thus registered, and the corresponding death-rates per 1,000 of the population were:—

Heart Disease	...	caused 101 deaths or 2.04 per 1,000 residents.
Cancer	...	,, 72 ,, ,, 1.45 ,, ,, ,,
Pneumonia	...	,, 32 ,, ,, 0.64 ,, ,, ,,
Bronchitis	...	,, 43 ,, ,, 0.87 ,, ,, ,,
Tuberculosis—Pulmonary and other	...	,, 32 ,, ,, 0.64 ,, ,, ,,

### HEART DISEASE.

Of the 101 deaths attributable to heart disease, 59 related to persons over the age of 65 years, while 16 were registered as being under 45 years. The disease continues to rank first on the list of most frequent causes. The death rates for the past three years are:—

1939	...	2.21 per 1,000 of the population.
1940	...	2.13 ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
1941	...	2.04 ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,

### CANCER.

The number of deaths caused by cancer during the year 1941 was 72, giving a death rate per 1,000 of the population of 1.4 as against 73 for the previous year.

The following table gives a summary for comparison:—

Year	ESTIMATED POPULATION	NUMBER OF DEATHS			Rate per 1000 Pop.	AGE DISTRIBUTION				
		Males	Fe-males	Total		5-15 Years	15-25 Years	25-45 Years	45-65 Years	65 years & over
1939	47,000	31	28	59	1.23	...	...	8	22	29
1940	48,700	40	33	73	1.49	1	...	7	32	33
1941	49,390	45	27	72	1.45	2	...	4	36	30

## CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

Name.	Situation.	Sessions.	Accommodation.	Provided.
Oldbury I.W.	Talbot Street, Oldbury.	Monday and Thursday 2 p.m.	Consulting, Infant Weigh- ing and Wait- ing Rooms.	Oldbury Borough Council
Langley I.W.	" The Hollies," Langley.	Wednesday and Friday 2 p.m.	Do.	Do
Warley I.W.	Bleakhouse Rd.,	Tuesday and Wednesday 2 p.m.	Do.	Do.
Oldbury A.N.	Wesley Street, Oldbury.	Friday 9 a.m.	Consulting and Waiting Rooms.	Do
Langley A.N.	" The Hollies," Langley.	Thursday 9 a.m.	Do.	Do.
Warley A.N.	Bleakhouse Rd., Warley.	Wednesday 9 a.m.	Do.	Do.
Dental Clinic M. and C.W.	Church Street, Oldbury	Wednesday and Friday 4-0 to 5-30 p.m.	Treatment, Waiting and Recovery Rooms.	Do.
Dental Clinic M. and C.W.	Bleakhouse Rd., Warley.	Monday and Thursday 4-0 to 5-30 p.m.	Do.	Do.
School Clinic.	Church Street, Oldbury	M.O. and Nurse 9—12 Tuesday. Nurse only on Friday 9—12	Consulting, Treatment and Waiting Rooms.	Do.
School Clinic.	Bleakhouse Rd., Warley.	M.O. and Nurse 9—12 Monday. Nurse only on Thursday 9—12	Do	Do.
School Clinic,	" The Hollies," Langley.	M.O. and Nurse 9—12 Saturday. Nurse only on Wednesday 9—12	Do.	Do.
Dental Clinic S.M.S.	Church Street, Oldbury.	Wednesday and Friday	Do.	Do.
Dental Clinic S.M.S.	Bleakhouse Rd., Warley.	Monday and Thursday.	Do.	Do.
Ophthalmic Clinic.	Church Street, Oldbury.	2nd and 4th Thursday at 2 p.m.	Do.	Do.
Ophthalmic Clinic.	Bleakhouse Rd., Warley.	1st Thursday at 2 p.m.	Do.	Do.
Tuberculosis Dispensary.	T.B. Dispensary Greenwood Av. Langley.	Monday 5 p.m.	Do.	Worcester County Council.



## MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

### Chief Statistics, 1941.

Birth-rate 16.94 per 1,000. (837 live births).

Illegitimate birth-rate 0.36 per 1,000. (18 illegitimate births).

Infant mortality rate 70.47 per 1,000 live births. (58 deaths).

Stillbirths 33.48 per 1,000 live and stillbirths. (29 stillbirths).

### Births.

The number of live births registered to parents normally resident in the Oldbury area during the year 1941 reached a total of 837, there being 420 males and 417 females, representing a birth-rate of 16.94 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

Of the 837 live births 18 were illegitimate (10 boys and 8 girls).

The following table indicates the Ward distribution of the births registered in the Borough:—

			1940		1941
Central Ward	...	...	77	...	67
Broadwell Ward	...	...	67	...	53
Brandhall Ward	...	...	108	...	76
Bristnall Ward	...	...	110	...	97
Rounds Green Ward	...	...	68	...	62
Langley Ward	...	...	147	...	120
Warley Ward	...	...	160	...	147
			<hr/> 737	...	<hr/> 622

### Stillbirths.

There were 29 stillbirths registered during 1941 giving a rate of 33.48 per thousand live and stillbirths, or 0.58 per thousand of the population, as compared with:—

1937	...	50 stillbirths or 56.0 per 1,000 live and still-birth and 1.12 per 1,000 population.
1938	...	36 stillbirths or 38.2 per 1,000 live and still-births and 0.79 per 1,000 population.
1939	...	35 stillbirths or 36.67 per 1,000 live and stillbirths or 0.74 per thousand population.
1940	...	37 stillbirths or 38.94 per 1,000 live and stillbirths and 0.76 per 1,000 population.

### Infantile Mortality.

There were 58 deaths of infants under one year of age of which 30 were Neo-Natal (within 4 weeks of birth), during the year 1941, giving an infantile mortality rate of 70.47 per 1,000 births. The numbers for the previous three years were:—

1938 ... 51 deaths or 56.41 per 1,000 births.

1939 ... 56 deaths or 64.59 per 1,000 births.

1940 ... 45 deaths or 49.34 per 1,000 births.

The cause of death is given in each case in the Table at the end of the Report.

### Maternal Mortality.

One mother died in childbirth, equivalent to a rate of 1.15 per 1,000 (live and still) births.

### Puerperal Pyrexia.

	1941	1940	1939	1938
Number of cases of Puerperal Pyrexia ...	8	12	15	12

Hospital treatment for cases of Puerperal Pyrexia can be obtained at the General Hospital and the Women's Hospital, Birmingham, and at Hallam Hospital, West Bromwich. Bacteriological examinations and serum treatment are available in all cases where such may be required.

### Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

During the year 1941 there were 5 cases of this disease notified in the district with a resultant rate of 5.97 per 1,000 births as compared with:—

1938	...	...	...	8 cases.
1939	...	...	...	4 cases.
1940	...	...	...	4 cases.

**MEDICAL AID.**

Medical Aid was required by midwives on 189 occasions up to the end of the year and a summary of records received is set out below:—

**Mother.**

Torn perineum	...	...	...	53
Prolonged labour	...	...	...	18
Hæmorrhage	...	...	...	9
Rise of temperature	...	...	...	6
Abnormal presentation	...	...	...	6
Adherent placenta	...	...	...	3
Albuminuria	...	...	...	2
Miscarriage	...	...	...	7
Premature labour	...	...	...	3
Other causes	...	...	...	30
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			Total	... 137
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**Child.**

Discharging eye	...	...	...	14
Prematurity	...	...	...	14
Debility	...	...	...	6
Convulsions	...	...	...	1
Jaundice	...	...	...	1
Other causes	...	...	...	16
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			Total	... 52
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**Notifications Received from Midwives.**

The following notifications were also received from midwives practising in the Borough:—

Intention to practice	...	...	...	18
Sending for medical aid...	...	...	...	189
Attendances at stillbirths	...	...	...	10
Artificial feeding	...	...	...	13
Liability to be a source of infection	...	...	...	13
Death of mother and/or child	...	...	...	12

### Institutional Accommodation for Maternity Cases.

242 Births were notified as belonging to the area from Hospitals outside the Borough. They were as under:—

Institution.	Living.	Stillborn.
Hallam Hospital ... ..	171	10
Birmingham Maternity Hospital ...	7	—
Poplars Nursing Home ... ..	34	1
St. Chad's Hospital ... ..	3	—
Rosemary Ednam Maternity Home ...	1	—
Dudley Road Hospital ... ..	1	—
Queen Elizabeth Hospital ... ..	5	—
Mary Stevens Maternity Home ... ..	2	—
Other Maternity Homes ... ..	7	—
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Totals ... ..	231	11
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### Midwives Act, 1936.

On the 1st January, 1941, there were six Municipal Midwives on the staff working on the district. In addition the Oldbury Nursing Association provided the services of two whole-time Midwives.

During the year three Midwives resigned as follows:—

Nurse Lynn ...	25/ 5/41
Nurse Peacock ...	31/10/41
Nurse Ridge ...	30/11/41

The following table indicates the work undertaken by the Municipal Midwives:—

Confinements as Midwife ... ..	463
Confinements as Maternity Nurse ...	92
Morning Nursings ... ..	8,221
Evening Nursings ... ..	1,859
Ante-natal Clinics attended ... ..	330
Ante-natal visits ... ..	2,637
Special visits ... ..	2,014

### Work of Health Visitors.

During the year 10,438 visits to the homes in the district and 672 sessions were accounted for by Ante-natal and Infant Welfare Centres.

The following table gives a summary of the work:—

Primary visits under 12 months ...	757
Revisits under 12 months ... ..	1,824
Visits to children between 1 and 5 years...	6,161
Primary visits to Expectant Mothers ...	153
Revisits to Expectant Mothers ... ..	39
Special visits ... ..	792
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Total ... ..	9,726
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In addition there were 42 visits for the purpose of making enquiries into the causes of Infantile Deaths and 27 for Stillbirths. The number of ineffective visits was 643.

### **Public Health Act, 1936, Sections 206 to 220.**

The five health visitors are duly appointed infant life protection visitors under the above Act, and it is their duty to visit from time to time infants notified to this Authority under the Act.

For the year 1941, the number of persons receiving children for reward was 6, and the number of children 6.

### **Infant Welfare Centres.**

During the year the Borough was served by three Centres, viz.:—Oldbury, Langley and Warley. Two sessions were held per week at each Centre, and one session per week is held for Ante-natal work at each Centre.

628 babies, or 75.18% of the total births in the area, were brought to the Centres, and in addition there were 246 new cases of children between the ages of 1 and 5 years.

The following table gives particulars of attendances at the three Infant Welfare Centres.

CENTRE.	Number of Sessions.		NO OF ATTENDANCES				SEEN BY DOCTOR.	
			Under 1.		Over 1			
	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941
Oldbury ..	101	100	2852	2303	2169	2274	893	740
Langley ...	100	101	4721	4426	3873	3393	1106	927
Warley ..	99	102	2195	2369	2465	2592	881	830
Totals ..	300	303	10568	9098	8507	8259	2880	2497

### Medical Inspection of Pre-School Children between 3 and 5 years.

The following is a summary of the findings of medical inspections during 1941.

Number of children examined—Boys	141
Girls	123
Total	264

Found to be above average nutrition	A	...	53
Found to be of average nutrition	B	...	204
Found to be below average nutrition	C	...	7

#### Defects found and referred for treatment.

Conjunctivitis	...	...	...	...	2
Blepharitis	...	...	...	...	1
Enlarged Tonsils and Adenoids	...	...	...	...	9
Otitis Media	...	...	...	...	2
Anæmia	...	...	...	...	9
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	9
Skin Diseases	...	...	...	...	4
Other Defects	...	...	...	...	5
Dental Defects	...	...	...	...	6

### Ante-Natal Clinics.

The attendances at the respective clinics were as follows:—

	OLDBURY.		LANGLEY.		WARLEY.		TOTALS.	
	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941
Number of Sessions ...	51	50	50	51	51	52	152	153
New Ante-Natal Cases	222	190	278	286	192	187	692	663
Attendances ...	855	658	1264	1180	663	672	2782	2510
Average per Session ...	16	13	25	23	13	13	18	16
New Post-Natal Cases	15	11	18	17	13	10	46	38
Post-Natal Attendances	17	11	22	21	36	22	75	54

The number of 663 new cases is 79.37% of the total notified pregnancies occurring in the district.

### Post-Natal Clinics.

Up to the present time no post-natal clinics have been opened, although 38 post-natal cases made 54 attendances during the year at the Ante-natal Clinics in the area.

### Dental Treatment of Expectant Mothers.

The following figures summarise the work.

#### Rate of Work.

Number of new cases taken on in 1941	...	114
Number of those who had all the work completed		18
Number of those who had the work completed in 1941	... ..	19
Total number with all the work completed	...	37

#### Attendances.

Number of visits for interviews	... ..	189
Number of visits for denture making and service...		178
Number of visits for operative treatment	...	211

#### Operative Treatment.

Number of fillings	... ..	26
Number of scalings and cleanings	... ..	10
Local Anæsthesia (Waites Procaine) was administered 186 times and 748 teeth removed.		
Gas as general anæsthetic was administered 8 times and 134 teeth removed.		
Total extractions	...	882

#### Artificial Dentures.

Number of patients who were estimated to require dentures	... ..	79
Number of dentures made and supplied	... ..	78
Number of repairs	... ..	44

### Dental Treatment for Pre-School Children.

Number of children treated	...	...	...	90
Teeth removed	...	...	...	199
Number of fillings	...	...	...	5

### Ophthalmic Treatment.

Those children attending the Welfare Centres noted to be suffering from defective vision or other eye conditions are sent to Mr. Rudd, the Ophthalmic Specialist at the School Clinic.

During 1941 27 children were examined, and Mr. Rudd's analysis of the cases shows the following conditions to have been present:—

Strabismus	...	...	...	19
Blepharitis	...	...	...	2
Corneal ulcer	...	...	...	1
Conjunctivitis	...	...	...	1
Myopia	...	...	...	1
No defects found	...	...	...	3

Spectacles were recommended in 17 cases, and in 2 cases they were provided at the Council's expense.

### Milk Assistance Scheme.

There is a scheme in operation whereby free milk is supplied to expectant and nursing mothers and infants up to five years of age who attend the Ante-Natal and Welfare Clinics and for whom a supply of milk is recommended by the Medical Officer. The cost of the free supplies of milk to the Council during 1941 was £4 8s. od. The number of times on which free milk was given was 57.

In addition to this there were 27 tins of National Dried Milk supplied free by the Council at a cost to them of £1 11s. 6d.

Dried milk and other foods were sold at the three Welfare Centres to the value of £1,807 os. 9d.



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

### Water Supply.

The total number of houses in the area connected to the mains at the end of 1941 was 13,681.

### CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS.

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Sample of Town Water marked No. 1—69, Forest Road,  
Oldbury, June 11th, 1941.

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I certify that I have examined the above sample chemically and bacteriologically with the following results:—

**Physical Characters.** Clear, odourless.  
Deposit, very slight brown.

<b>Chemical Examination.</b>					Parts per 100,000.
Solids in Suspension (Dried at 100°C)	...	...	...	...	Trace
Solids in Solution (Dried at 100°C)	...	...	...	...	35
„ „ „ After Ignition	...	...	...	...	28
Chlorides calculated as Common Salt	...	...	...	...	3.9
Hardness, Permanent	...	...	...	...	10
„ Temporary	...	...	...	...	13
„ Total	...	...	...	...	23
Free and Saline Ammonia...	...	...	...	...	0.005
Albuminoid Ammonia	...	...	...	...	0.002
Nitric Nitrogen (Nitrates)	...	...	...	...	Trace
Nitrous Nitrogen (Nitrites)	...	...	...	...	None
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 27°C	...	...	...	...	0.04
Toxic Metals	...	...	...	...	None detected

(Note.—To convert the above parts per 100,000 to grains per gallon multiply by 0.7).

**Bacteriological Examination.**

Number of colonies developing upon Agar.

(a) In two days at 37°C	...	...	10 per one m.l.
(b) In three days at 22°C	...	...	500 per one m.l.
Coli-aerogenes (presumptive coli) count	...	...	Nil per 100 m.l.
Cl. Welchii	...	...	Nil per 250 m.l.
Streptococci	...	...	Not detected.

**Opinion.**

The sample is fit for drinking.

(Signed) H. E. MONK,  
County Analyst.

Sample of Town Water marked No. 2—Warley Croft,  
Oldbury, June 11th, 1941.

**Physical Characters.** Clear, odourless.  
Deposit, very slight brown.

**Chemical Examinations.**

			Parts per 100,000.
Solids in Suspension (Dried at 100°C)	...	...	Trace
Solids in Solution (Dried at 100°C)	...	...	36
„ „ „ After Ignition	...	...	29
Chlorides calculated as Common Salt	...	...	3.9
Hardness, Permanent	...	...	10
„ Temporary	...	...	13
„ Total	...	...	23
Free and Saline Ammonia...	...	...	0.0008
Albuminoid Ammonia	...	...	0.005
Nitric Nitrogen (Nitrates)	...	...	Trace
Nitrous Nitrogen (Nitrites)	...	...	None
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 27°C	...	...	0.03
Toxic Metals	...	...	None detected

(Note.—To convert the above parts per 100,000 to grains per gallon multiply by 0.7).

**Bacteriological Examination.**

Number of colonies developing upon Agar.

(a) In two days at 37°C	...	...	26 per one m.l.
(b) In three days at 22°C	...	...	400 per one m.l.
Coli-aerogenes (presumptive coli) count	...	...	Nil per 100 m.l.
Cl. Welchii	...	...	Nil per 250 m.l.
Streptococci	...	...	Not detected.

**Opinion.**

The sample is fit for drinking.

(Signed) H. E. MONK,  
County Analyst and Bacteriologist.

## PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

### **Scarlet Fever.**

There were 105 cases during 1941 as compared with 91 cases during 1940. There were no deaths from this disease. 9 cases were removed to hospital. Scarlet Fever anti-toxin is available to medical practitioners, free of charge. 45,000 units were supplied to them during the year as compared with 24,000 units for the previous year.

### **Diphtheria.**

During 1941 71 cases occurred and there were 6 deaths compared with 50 cases in 1940 and 4 deaths. 65 cases were removed to hospital.

432,000 units of diphtheria anti-toxin were supplied to medical practitioners during the year as compared with 248,000 units in 1940.

### **Pneumonia and Influenza.**

105 cases of pneumonia were notified and 11 were removed to hospital. 32 deaths from pneumonia and 7 from influenza were recorded, as compared with 65 notifications and 29 deaths during 1940.

### **Erysipelas.**

There were 12 cases notified as compared with 10 for the previous year.

### **Measles and Whooping Cough.**

199 cases of whooping cough and 643 cases of measles were notified during the year, none of which it was found necessary to send to hospital. 2 deaths from measles and 2 from whooping cough were recorded during the year.

### **Cerebro-spinal Fever.**

16 cases were notified as compared with 17 for the previous year. 15 cases were removed to hospital and there were 5 deaths recorded.

### **Infantile Diarrhoea.**

There were 5 deaths from this disease as against 4 for the previous year.

**Tuberculosis.**

The following table gives particulars compared with previous year:—

	T.B.—DEATHS				NOTIFICATIONS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1940	27	12	5	3	34	17	14	6
1941	17	13	1	1	32	22	7	5



*Infant Mortality during the Year 1941.*

*Nett Deaths from stated Causes at various Ages under One Year  
of Age.*

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Under 1 week.	1-2 weeks.	2-3 weeks.	3-4 weeks.	Total under 4 weeks.	4 weeks and under 3 months.	3 months and under 6 months.	6 months and under 9 months	9 months and under 12 months.	Total Deaths under 1 year.
Small-pox ... ..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chicken-pox ... ..	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...
Measles ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever... ..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria and Croup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	...	...	...	...	..	2	3	...	...	5
Tubercular Meningitis	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Abdominal Tuberculosis	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Tubercular Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	..	1
Congenital Malformations	3	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	1	5
Premature Birth ... ..	14	3	1	2	20	...	...	..	...	20
Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus	...	...	...	...	..	1	..	...	...	1
Atelectasis ... ..	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	2
Injury at Birth ... ..	4	...	...	...	4	...	..	...	...	4
Erysipelas ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Syphilis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rickets ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...
Meningitis ( <i>not Tubercular</i> )	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2
Convulsions ... ..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Gastritis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...
Laryngitis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bronchitis ... ..	...	..	..	...	...	2	...	...	...	2
Pneumonia (all forms)	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	2	5	9
Suffocation, overlying	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pemphigus ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
(Other Causes ... ..	1	...	1	...	2	..	2	...	1	5
Totals ... ..	23	4	3	2	32	7	7	4	8	58

*Cases of Infectious Diseases Notified during the Year 1941.*

Notifiable Disease.	Cases Notified in Whole District.												Total Cases Notified in each Ward.						Total cases re-moved to Hospital.	TOTAL DEATHS	
	At Ages—Years.												Total								
	Under 1.	1 and under 2	2 and under 3.	3 and under 4.	4 and under 5.	5 and under 10.	10 and under 15.	15 and under 20.	20 and under 35.	35 and under 45.	45 and under 65.	65 and upwards.	Central.	Broadwell.	Rounds Green	Langley.	Warley.	Bristnall.			Brandhall.
Scarlet Fever	1	4	1	11	13	50	14	3	7	1	...	...	8	6	3	9	50	11	19	105	1
Diphtheria	1	2	4	3	3	31	19	3	4	...	1	...	1	6	3	9	32	9	11	71	5
Pneumonia	7	5	5	6	4	13	7	7	12	9	21	9	8	15	11	19	23	9	20	105	32
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	2	5	...
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	3	...	...	...	2	...	2	2	2	...	8	...
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	1	1	2	2	1	...	1	5	2	1	12	1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	...	1	2	...	1	2	2	2	3	2	1	...	1	1	1	2	7	3	1	16	5
Whooping Cough	15	39	25	38	24	50	8	...	...	...	...	...	14	15	8	37	56	34	35	199	2
Measles	26	65	77	84	92	268	18	7	5	1	...	...	54	75	53	127	157	86	91	643	2
Para-Typhoid "B"	2	2	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	4	8	...
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
Food Poisoning...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...
Totals	57	118	115	143	137	415	68	28	41	17	25	11	89	121	80	209	334	159	184	1175	48
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	5	22	8	13	3	7	5	5	9	7	11	10	54	30
Non-pulmonary "	1	...	1	...	...	3	1	1	4	1	...	...	2	3	1	2	1	2	1	12	2



## DEATHS—1941.

		ALL AGES AND WARDS.			Under 1 year	1-2 years	2-5 years	5-15 years	15-25 years	25-45 years	45-65 years	65 and over	Central	Broadwell	Brandhall	Rounds Green	Langley	Warley	Bristnall
		Total	M	F															
All Causes	Certified	488	273	215	57	6	6	21	17	53	132	196	81	79	40	63	86	61	78
	Uncertified	5	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	1	1	1	...	...	1	1
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	5	1	4	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	1
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
4.	Whooping Cough	...	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...
5.	Diphtheria	...	5	3	2	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	1
6.	Tuberculosis, Respiratory	...	30	17	13	1	...	1	4	12	8	4	6	2	3	4	4	6	5
7.	"    other forms	...	2	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
8.	Syphilitic Diseases	...	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1
9.	Influenza	...	7	4	3	1	...	1	...	...	3	2	3	1	...	1	...	1	1
10.	Measles	...	2	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...
11.	Ac. Poliomyelitis and Polio- encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12.	Ac. infectious encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13.	Cancer—																		
	buccal cavity, { œsophagus M.																		
	uterus F.	10	4	6	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	2	4	2	...	1	1	1	1
14.	,, stomach and duodenum	15	11	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	5	6	1	1	1	1	2	3
15.	,, breast	5	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	1	...	...	2	1	1
16.	,, of all other sites	42	30	12	...	...	...	2	...	1	17	22	7	6	1	7	11	4	6
17.	Diabetes	6	1	5	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	3	1	2	1	...	...	2	...
18.	Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions	30	13	17	1	...	...	...	...	...	9	20	7	7	2	2	6	3	3
19.	Heart Disease	101	62	39	2	...	...	2	1	11	26	59	16	20	6	7	14	18	20
20.	Other Circulatory Diseases	5	2	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	4	1	1	...	1	2	...	...
21.	Bronchitis	43	29	14	2	1	...	1	...	1	12	26	4	6	3	8	9	7	6
22.	Pneumonia	32	14	18	7	2	1	1	...	1	7	13	7	4	7	3	6	1	4
23.	Other Respiratory Diseases	7	2	5	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	3	1	1	...	2	1	...	2
24.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	8	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	1	3	...	2	1	1	...	1
25.	Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	5	5	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	2	...	...
26.	Appendicitis	3	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	2
27.	Other Digestive Diseases	8	5	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	3	2	...	2	1	2	1	...	2
28.	Nephritis	8	3	5	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	4	...	...	...	...	2	2	2
29.	Puerperal and post abortive sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
30.	Other Maternal Causes	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
31.	Premature Birth	21	11	10	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	2	4	6	2	3
32.	Congenital Mal: birth injury: infant diseases	12	6	6	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	2	2	3	1
33.	Suicide	6	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	1	...	2	...	2	...	...	2
34.	Road Traffic Accidents	12	8	4	...	...	...	1	1	5	2	3	2	2	1	2	2	1	2
35.	Other Violence	14	11	3	1	...	1	2	3	2	2	3	3	2	1	3	4	1	...
36.	All Other Causes	42	21	21	1	1	...	...	5	3	13	19	3	10	6	4	6	4	9
TOTALS		493	277	216	58	6	6	21	17	53	133	199	82	80	41	63	86	62	79

No.	Name	1917				Total
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	
1	John Smith	10	15	20	25	70
2	James Brown	12	18	22	28	80
3	Robert Jones	8	14	19	24	65
4	William Davis	11	16	21	26	74
5	Thomas Wilson	9	13	18	23	63
6	Charles Moore	14	19	24	29	86
7	Edward Taylor	7	12	17	22	58
8	George Baker	13	17	22	27	79
9	Frank White	10	15	20	25	70
10	Henry Black	11	16	21	26	74
11	John Green	9	14	19	24	66
12	James Hall	12	17	22	27	78
13	Robert King	8	13	18	23	62
14	William Lee	11	16	21	26	74
15	Thomas Scott	10	15	20	25	70
16	Charles Adams	14	19	24	29	86
17	Edward Clark	7	12	17	22	58
18	George Evans	13	18	23	28	82
19	Frank Foster	10	15	20	25	70
20	Henry Gibson	11	16	21	26	74
21	John Harris	9	14	19	24	66
22	James Hunt	12	17	22	27	78
23	Robert Ingram	8	13	18	23	62
24	William Jordan	11	16	21	26	74
25	Thomas Kelly	10	15	20	25	70
26	Charles Lamb	14	19	24	29	86
27	Edward Lewis	7	12	17	22	58
28	George Martin	13	18	23	28	82
29	Frank Nelson	10	15	20	25	70
30	Henry Oliver	11	16	21	26	74
31	John Parker	9	14	19	24	66
32	James Quinn	12	17	22	27	78
33	Robert Reed	8	13	18	23	62
34	William Ross	11	16	21	26	74
35	Thomas Scott	10	15	20	25	70
36	Charles Stone	14	19	24	29	86
37	Edward Taylor	7	12	17	22	58
38	George Turner	13	18	23	28	82
39	Frank Vance	10	15	20	25	70
40	Henry Ward	11	16	21	26	74
41	John Wells	9	14	19	24	66
42	James White	12	17	22	27	78
43	Robert Young	8	13	18	23	62
44	William Zane	11	16	21	26	74
45	Thomas Adams	10	15	20	25	70
46	Charles Baker	14	19	24	29	86
47	Edward Clark	7	12	17	22	58
48	George Evans	13	18	23	28	82
49	Frank Foster	10	15	20	25	70
50	Henry Gibson	11	16	21	26	74



Borough of Oldbury.

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Annual Report

OF THE

Chief Sanitary Inspector

AND

Cleansing Superintendent

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1941.

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E. HARROLD, F.S.I.A., M.Inst.P.C.

Chief Sanitary Inspector and Cleansing Superintendent

## BOROUGH OF OLDBURY.

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To His Worship The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors  
of the Borough of Oldbury

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Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my nineteenth Annual Report of work completed in the Sanitary and Public Cleansing and Salvage Department during the year 1941.

The report is concise and confined to statistics.

Salvage figures show a decided increase in tonnage collected and sales over the previous year, and this has meant a great amount of time on the part of the staff and workpeople in collection, sorting, preparation and arrangements for sale. The salvage section of our work has been developed into a trading undertaking of no mean order, involving a number of technical developments.

In this respect, much credit is due to the workmen, foreman, Mrs. Arkle and other W.V.S. Volunteers, W.V.S. Street Salvage Wardens and the teachers and scholars of our schools for their valuable part in the salvage effort.

The staff of this department, much reduced by the calls of H.M. Forces, has rendered splendid service and I am pleased to record this.

Finally, I would again like to place on record my appreciation of the valuable help received from the chief officers of other departments and the continued support accorded by the Chairman and Members of the Health and Salvage (Sub) Committees.

I am,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

E. HARROLD,

Chief Sanitary Inspector  
and  
Cleansing Superintendent.

Sanitary Department,  
Municipal Buildings,  
Oldbury.

**Summary of defects remedied, improvements effected and  
nuisances abated under the Housing, Public Health  
and O.U.D.C. Acts during the year 1941.**

Drains opened and cleansed from obstruction	...	...	118
Drains provided with efficient traps	...	...	10
Drains relaid or repaired	...	...	33
Drains disconnected from sewer or abolished	...	...	1
New drains and intercepting chambers provided (excluding new houses)	...	...	22
Soil pipes and ventilating pipes improved or provided	...		9
Courts and back yards paved or repaired	...	...	4
Houses cleansed and/or repaired under Public Health Act, 1936	...	...	80
Defective spouting repaired or disconnected or new spouting provided	...	...	82
Houses provided with better ventilation, and existing windows made to open	...	...	31
Firegrates repaired or provided	...	...	22
Houses supplied with baths	...	...	1
Handrails provided to staircases	...	...	3
Wash-houses repaired and/or limewashed	...	...	9
New sinks provided	...	...	5
New washing boilers provided	...	...	1
New waste pipes provided and others repaired	...	...	11
Water removed from cellars	...	...	9
Foul cellars cleansed and defects in drains remedied	...		2
Cellars water-proofed	...	...	1
Houses cleansed and re-decorated after Infectious Disease...			16
Additional water closets provided	...	...	11
Water closets reconstructed	...	...	1
Water closets repaired and/or limewashed	...	...	36
Water closets provided with new pedestals	...	...	32
Disused water closets abolished	...	...	2
Water supplies restored to water closets	...	...	4
Waste water slop closets converted into fresh water carriage system	...	...	1

Additional water closets provided under Factories Act	...	...	6
Foul water closet basins and traps cleansed	...	...	2
Defective water closet cisterns repaired	...	...	21
New water closet cisterns provided	...	...	17
Underground rain water cisterns cleansed	...	...	3
Urinals cleansed and reconstructed	...	...	1
Leaky roofs repaired	...	...	1
New sink waste gullies provided	...	...	1
Houses provided with sanitary dustbins	...	...	605
Offensive accumulations removed	...	...	3
Water supply restored to houses	...	...	10
Tents, Vans and Sheds removed	...	...	8
Premises rat-proofed	...	...	1
Miscellaneous	...	...	38



### Summary of Inspections and Re-visits during the year 1941.

							Inspection	Re-Visits
Infectious Diseases Prevented	...	...	...	...	...	...	336	245
Houses and Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	273	591
Water Closets and Drains	...	...	...	...	...	...	231	390
Slaughter-houses, Market and Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	111	3
Dairies, Cow-sheds and Milk Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Keeping of animals and poultry so as to be a nuisance	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	4
Spouting	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	46
Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	15
Dirty and Verminous Houses and Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	57	28
Canal Boats	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	2
Offensive Accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	—
Tents, Vans and Sheds (including temporary buildings)	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	—
Refuse Disposal Tips	...	...	...	...	...	...	193	—
Rats and Mice Nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	15
Rent Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Piggeries	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	2
Depots	...	...	...	...	...	...	105	—
Private Slaughtering	...	...	...	...	...	...	78	—
Air Raid Precautions	...	...	...	...	...	...	251	—
Air Raid Damage	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Salvage	...	...	...	...	...	...	412	—
Food and Drugs Sampling and Water Sampling	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	429	78
No. of Interviews	...	...	...	...	...	...	643	

## GENERAL STATISTICS.

**Notices Served.**

Informal ... 219.                      Statutory ... 153

**Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year 1941.**

Total Number of Dwelling-houses inspected for housing housing defects	...	...	...	...	...	648
Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	...	1,230
Number of Dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	648
Number of defective Dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	...	...	...	...	...	474
Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	...	...	...	112
Number of Dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:						
(a) by owners	...	...	...	...	...	60
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	...	...	...	18
Number of Dwelling-houses included in Clearance Areas which were demolished during the year	...	...	...	...	...	8
Number of other houses demolished (without service of Demolition Orders), i.e., as result of Enemy Action	...	...	...	...	...	14

**Infectious Diseases, etc.**

Visits to houses on account of notifiable disease	...	...	...	...	594
Houses disinfected after notifiable disease	...	...	...	...	24

**Moveable Dwellings, Caravans, etc.**

No. observed	...	...	...	...	...	10
No. dealt with as insanitary	...	...	...	...	...	10

**Sanitary Conveniences.**

No. of privy middens in use at end of year	...	...	...	...	4
No. of earth or pail closets in use at end of year	...	...	...	...	7

**House Refuse Collection and Disposal.**

No. of houses from which refuse was removed	...	...	...	...	13,744
No. of dustbins cleansed periodically	...	...	...	...	13,741
Estimated number of tons of houses refuse collected	...	...	...	...	10,238
Gross cost of house and trade refuse collection and Disposal Service	...	...	...	...	£10,492
Gross income (excluding salvage)	...	...	...	...	£1,127
Net expenditure	...	...	...	...	£9,365
Total net cost per premises cleansed	...	...	...	...	14/-
Total cost per ton (collection and disposal)—net	...	...	...	...	18/3

**Offensive Trades.**

No. under observation	...	...	...	...	...	45
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**Water Supply.**

No. of houses supplied from waterworks during the year	13,681
No. of samples of water sent for analysis ... ..	2

**Slaughter-houses and Shops.**

Cases of slaughtering on unlicensed premises reported ...	78
Weights of meat condemned ... .. 11-cwts. 1-qr. 12-lbs.	
Other food, salmon, herrings, milk, etc. ... ..	296 tins.
Eggs ... ..	860

**Milk.**

No. of registered dairy farms in the area... ..	7
No. of registered retailers in the area ... ..	227
No. of licences issued under Milk (Special Designations) Orders:—	

	Pasteurised.	Accredited.	Tuberculin Tested.
Bottlers ... ..	Nil	Nil	I
Retailers ... ..	12	6	11
Producers ... ..	Nil	Nil	Nil
Approximate No. of milking cows in the district... ..			60

**Food and Drugs Act and Milk and Dairies Act.**

No. of samples taken for analysis ... ..	I
No. of samples certified genuine ... ..	I
No. of samples taken for bacteriological or biological tests ... ..	I

**Factories Act, 1937.**

No. of inspections ... ..	34
No. of defects found ... ..	16
No. of defects remedied ... ..	8

**Other matters.**

Verminous houses—cases dealt with ... ..	5
Stagnant water—cases dealt with ... ..	20
Nuisances arising from domestic animals... ..	2
Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act—cases dealt with ...	16

**Canal Boats.**

No. of Canal Boats on register ... ..	10
No. of Canal Boats registered during the year ... ..	3
No. of other Canal Boats inspected ... ..	2
No. of contraventions found ... ..	Nil

**SALVAGE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
MARCH 31st, 1942.**

Materials			Weight Collected (Tons)	Inome from sales	Expenditure			
				£		£	s.	d.
Paper	...	...	492	2,332	Wages	...	2,102	7 2
Textiles	...	...	7½	82	Transport		154	18 5
Black Scrap	...		56	139	Bonus	...	320	11 9
Destructor Scrap	...		77	77	Buildings		464	14 7
Bones	...	...	10	36	Plant	...	579	19 3
Best Metals	...		3½	104	Materials		327	18 10
Rubber	...	...	2	4	Schools	...	88	1 7
Glass	...	...	64	116				
Waste Food	...		506	1,550				
			<u>1,218</u>	<u>£4,440</u>	<u>£4,038 11 7</u>			





